



Spring Newsletter

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Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

I hope you all had a lovely time with your families during the Christmas holidays and that everyone got what they wished for? Following such busy, exciting events in the holiday, this week has been very calm and positive in school. The children have all been full of their Christmas stories of gifts and parties, and yet have been able to focus so well on their work. A really positive start to the term.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy some, hopefully, dry weather!

Mr Hadley

Kynance: A wonderful week back for Kynance! We are blown away by their ability to settle into school after their first long break. The kindness and love shown by the children towards Miss Guy during her birthday has been overwhelming: lots of cuddles and cards! The children have had an amazing time during Welly Wednesday. We have started our new topic, Africa, and have been introduced to our class book for the half-term, Handa's Surprise. We have been learning the story off-by-heart. In Maths, we have looked at number bonds to 5 in many ways. The children can recall some number bond facts already and have been introduced to part/part/whole model to show sharing, addition and subtraction in a pictorial, concrete and abstract way for numbers to 5. We have had some amazing Christmas uploads onto Tapestry over the holidays. Thank you to those parents who shared those special moments with us and let Miss Guy know if you need any assistance with Tapestry.

Star of the week: Logan for some fantastic writing about Handa's Surprise.

TLA Community: Jacob for showing beautifully positive attitudes towards all aspects of school and learning.

Gwithian: A great start back to school for Gwithian class, after the Christmas break. It has been lovely to hear all of the exciting things you have been up to. We have kicked off our new topic, 'Moon Zoom', this half term by finding out about the solar system, designing aliens and starting to explore the story of Beegu - which the children are really engaged with. Next week the children will write a short transcript of the story using their learning from this week about Beegu's feelings, and the characters and events within the story. In maths the children have worked hard to identify, order and count objects/numbers to 20. Next week we will begin looking at representing numbers 11-20. We will have a big focus this term on phonics, in preparation for the national phonics screening check in June, more info will be given out nearer the time. This weeks spellings are set 12 from last terms spelling booklet. New booklets will be given out next week.

Star of the week: Freddie - Beautiful handwriting

TLA Community: Isaac - determination to improve writing quality and quantity. **Home Learner:** Finley M

Sennen: Sennen have had a wonderful first week back. They have shown fantastic focus and have been trying really hard with the presentation and quality of their work. In Maths we have been learning about Multiplication and using arrays to solve problems. Keep practicing your 2s, 3s, 5s and 20s to help improve your pace. In English we have been learning the story of Stone Soup. Next week we will be making our own stories linked to Stone Soup and having a go at some practise reading SATs papers. We have started our new topic Muck, Mess and Mixtures. Children have been enjoying learning how to be safe around household substances and investigating what happens when you mix solids with water. In Art we have been exploring Carl Warner. Please can you bring in some food magazines for us to cut up when we make our own.

Star of the week: Ayaan - for overcoming a worry

TLA Community: Morwenna - kindness - helping a friend

Fistral: Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the new term and all the children have returned to school with a positive attitude to learning and full of enthusiasm! We have begun our new 'Predators' topic and have been learning about food chains. We have been thinking about endangered animals and some of the children have brought in their endangered animals adoption packs to share with the class.

In English, we have been looking at poems and identifying their features. We have been sharing a range of animal poems and reciting them to the class. In maths, we have been working on multiplying by 3.

Star of the week: Tyler for fantastic addition and subtraction work

TLA Community: Ethel for a positive attitude to all her learning.

Home Learner: Willow for creating a lovely jungle animal scene.

Pentire: This week we have started our new topic 'Misty Mountain Sierra'. We have looked at where some of the biggest mountain ranges are in the world. We started by setting some questions to help guide our work which we have been researching on the computer. We have researched the height of various mountains, used our maths knowledge to order them according to height and identified which continent they can be found on. We have made maps with keys. In English, we have been practising some performance poetry using a mountain themed poem and have sung a mountain themed song. Our class novel is by Enid Blyton and involves an adventure on a Welsh mountain.

Your child has been tested on both their spellings and tables this week, both of which they will have brought home to practise. Please continue to hear your child read daily and sign their reading record.

Star of the week: Harry for his excellent result in his spelling test.

TLA Community: Lola for being a great help with the younger children.

Home Learner: David, for always completing reading, spellings and tables homework regularly.

Summerleaze: A great first week back for Summerleaze. We have started to look at our new topic Allotment, focusing on where our food comes from and the process it takes to get to our plates. Within literacy, we have started our new text and are beginning to look at the story from the perspective of the villain. Within maths, we are finishing our multiplication unit and beginning to move across to division. In our science work, we are looking at how plants reproduce and the impact seasonality has on our food consumption in a global community.

Star of the week: Willow - For constantly trying her hardest across the curriculum

TLA Community: Charles - For great resilience during his first week at TLA

Marazion: A full on week back in year 6! We have thrown ourselves into our topic about space, researching about planet earth and beginning to write non-chronological reports. Do you know much about Earth? It really is quite an amazing place! In maths we have delved into finding a fraction of an amount. Our times tables have been really important so if this is something your child finds hard, please continue to practice them at home! We have had our first tutoring times after school. If you haven't signed your child up and would like them to come, there is still time! Please contact us!

Star of the week: Mason Chambers for his great attitude to learning after coming back the holidays

TLA Community: Alfie Newland for his aspirational attitude.

Notice board

Outstanding payments

A reminder that all payments and permission must be made via parent pay. We can no longer accept cash payments. Aspire will be issuing debt letters from this month. Please speak with Miss Saunders if you require reminder log in details.

Arbor App

A reminder that we are now using Arbor which replaces e-schools. This allows you to receive the latest secure text messages and emails from us. After school clubs will also be added and you will need to book your child's place via Arbor from January. You can update the information that we hold about both you and your child. Users can only see the data for their child, and for themselves. Data regarding other contacts is inaccessible. Please enable notifications via the app.

Afterschool clubs

These start next week. A new list has been sent home. You will need to log in to Arbor and book your child's place once the clubs have been released. Paper slips will no longer be issued.

SPECIAL CENSUS DAY MENU

On Thursday 16th January there will be a special 'Build you own Burger' menu for School Census Day, featuring Burgers from around the World served with Homemade Potato Wedges and seasonal vegetables. For dessert, there is a delicious chocolate cake with chocolate custard or an Ice Cream dessert.

On a National School Census Day the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we have to report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day. The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We therefore hope that you will support us by encouraging your child to have a school meal on Thursday.

Calendar of events

January

13th-After school clubs start this week– Please book your child's place via Arbor

15th-EYFS & Year 6 height and weight check

February

14th-Inset day

17th-21st - Half term

School attendance: A good start from Kynance, Gwithian and Summerleaze classes. A reminder that we start the school day 8.45am.

Kynance: 95.7%

Fistral: 93.5%

Marazion: 83%

Gwithian: 97.1%

Pentire: 93.0%

Sennen: 94.0%

Summerleaze: 99.4%

Please remember to call the office: 01872 277635 before 9am to report your child absent, with a reason for their absence.